

## REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

### *CATCH OF THE WEEK*

Week of December 19th, 2005

### *Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets*

#### New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

Jonathan Votow was wanted by the New York City Police Department's 120<sup>th</sup> Precinct for 62 counts of rape, 17 counts of first degree assault, 15 counts of second degree assault, criminal possession of a weapon, unlawful imprisonment, criminal possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), and resisting arrest. For nearly 2 ½ months, Votow brutally abused a female victim who was staying with him at his apartment in Staten Island. The female victim was raped, beaten, and stabbed repeatedly with ice picks and meat cleavers every day for nearly 2 ½ months before managing to escape on September 1, 2005. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of severe injuries and will be permanently scarred as a result of the abuse she sustained. The assistance of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) was requested by the NYPD in locating and apprehending Votow. During the course of the investigation it was discovered that Votow was using a friend's vehicle. Investigators were able to locate Votow through the use of this vehicle. It was also discovered that Votow was staying at a hotel in Brooklyn and on December 21, 2005, Task Force investigators arrived at the target location. The hotel manager was able to confirm that Votow was staying at the hotel and provided investigators with a key to his room. Task Force investigators gained entry to the room, where Votow was observed sleeping on the bed and, after a violent struggle, subdued him and took him into custody. Investigators also seized 2 ½ ounces of cocaine. Votow was transported to the 68<sup>th</sup> Precinct in Brooklyn for processing. Votow was taken back to Staten Island, has been indicted on the charges listed above and if convicted, will face extensive prison time.



**Jonathan Votow**

**Wanted for 62 counts of rape, 17 counts of first degree assault, 15 counts of second degree assault, criminal possession of a weapon, unlawful imprisonment, criminal possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), and resisting arrest**

### **Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force**

At December 20, 2005, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) and the Clayton County, Georgia Sheriff's Office Fugitive Squad arrested fugitive Brandon Lucky. Lucky was wanted by the Birmingham, Alabama Police Department for two counts of 1<sup>st</sup> degree robbery, two counts of probation violation on original charges of assault, one count of failure to appear on a previous robbery charge, and one count of attempted murder. He is also the prime suspect in at least three homicides in the Birmingham area. On December 8, 2005, Lucky contacted the Tarrant, Alabama Police Department (a suburb of Birmingham) on at least two occasions and threatened to kill a police officer. The Marshals Service in the Northern District of Alabama (N/AL) requested the assistance of the SERFTF in locating the fugitive after it appeared that Lucky had fled to the Atlanta area. Information was developed by N/AL that Lucky was staying with a female in Riverdale, Georgia and was reportedly waiting for a false ID to be delivered to him, after which he would be traveling to New Orleans. SERFTF members responded to the target address and established surveillance. After a short time, Lucky was observed exiting the apartment to talk to neighbors who were milling around outside. Eventually the neighbors entered a vehicle and left the area. Lucky stayed outside for a short while and then went back into apartment. Entry was made into the unit where Lucky was found in the back bedroom attempting to hide in a closet. He was arrested at the scene without incident. Lucky has seven prior arrests for assault, burglary, robbery, narcotics, and probation violation.



**Brandon Lucky**

**Wanted for 1st Degree  
Robbery and  
Attempted Murder**

### **Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On December 20, 2005, the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) arrested "Valinda Flats" gang member Richard Provencio, who wanted for murder by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and for violation of parole by the California Department of Corrections. In October 2005, Provencio was at a restaurant in Valinda California when he was approached by four rival gang members. A fight ensued in which Provencio stabbed one of the rival gang members in the heart, causing his death. On November 3, 2005, the California Department of Corrections requested the assistance of the PSWRFTF in locating and apprehending Provencio. PSWRFTF investigators and members of the California Department of Corrections Law Enforcement and Investigation Unit (LEIU) conducted extensive interviews of associates and family members and conducted surveillance at multiple locations. Provencio, along with his brother, were spotted by investigators leaving the address of a female associate in Covina, California and entering a vehicle. A rolling surveillance was initiated and the vehicle "landed" at a local convenience store in Covina, California where he was taken into custody without incident by Task Force investigators and LEIU agents.



**Richard Provencio**

**Wanted for Murder**

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On December 21, 2005, David Lee, who had been wanted on four counts of aggravated robbery with a firearm, was arrested by members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG). From November 28, 2005 through December 21, 2005, Lee allegedly robbed various businesses and grocery stores in the Chicago Metropolitan area. During Lee's crime spree, he terrorized innocent citizens, which included the robbery of a busy Chicago area grocery store. Additionally, Lee is the primary suspect in two bank robberies that occurred in Lincolnwood, Illinois and a robbery of a business in Evanston, Illinois. On December 21, 2005, investigators from the GLRFTF and TOG developed information that indicated Lee was hiding at a residence on Chicago's south side. A short time later, GLRFTF personnel responded to the residence and apprehended Lee.</p>	 <p><b>David Lee</b></p> <p><b>Wanted for Aggravated Robbery with a Firearm (4 Counts)</b></p>
Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On June 12, 2005 at about 2:45 a.m., units from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Third District responded to an address in NW Washington, DC for a reported shooting. Upon arrival they found two victims suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Both victims were later pronounced dead and ruled victims of a homicide. MPD detectives began investigating immediately and were able to identify Lorenzo Woods as the shooter. On December 27, 2005, an arrest warrant was issued from D.C. Superior Court charging Woods with two counts of murder in the first degree while armed. The case was immediately given to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. CARFTF officers began pursuing Woods immediately and on the first day of the investigation, identified a residence where Woods was staying in NW, Washington, DC. On the following day, Woods was located at the residence and taken into custody without incident. He is currently being held at D.C. Jail.</p>	 <p><b>Lorenzo Woods</b></p> <p><b>Wanted for Murder</b></p>